

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS  
OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**AMENDMENT TO  
EMERGENCY ORDER AND PROTOCOL  
(Policy Memorandum No. 410)**

**FROM:** Jimmy Guidry, M.D., State Health Officer

**SUBJECT:** EMERGENCY ORDER AND PROTOCOL FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF  
INFLUENZA VACCINATION BY ELIGIBLE PHARMACISTS

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The above referenced *Emergency Order and Protocol*, initially signed and issued on September 10, 2009, and amended on September 23, 2009, is hereby amended again in the following respects:

A) The section entitled "Effective Dates" is hereby amended to read as follows:

The protocol set forth herein will be initially effective only until June 1, 2010, but may be further extended by subsequent order of the State Health Officer.

B) The section entitled "Program Guidelines" is hereby supplemented and amended to include the following additional provisions:

Each pharmacist utilizing this protocol thereby acknowledges the following, and also agrees to provide written notification thereof to prospective vaccine recipients:

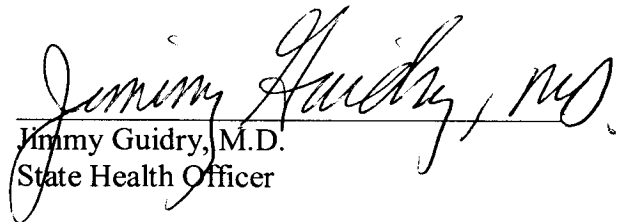
1. The pharmacist is administering the vaccination as part of an immunization program operated by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health ("OPH"), conducted under the general supervision of the State Health Officer, Jimmy Guidry, M.D., who is a licensed physician, and who is responsible for the safe conduct of the program;
2. The pharmacist has been provided with or otherwise obtained contact information for appropriate regional OPH personnel, including licensed physicians, who are available during normal business hours for consultation with the pharmacist regarding contraindications, adverse reactions or other questions;

3. The program under which the vaccination is being given is limited to seasonal and H1N1 influenza immunizations.

Pharmacists who have specific questions about a patient requesting influenza vaccination can contact the Louisiana Office of Public Health regional offices during regular working hours. If a pharmacist needs direction or has questions outside of regular working hours, s/he can refer the patient back to the patient's personal physician, send the patient to a local health unit, or defer vaccination until regular business hours. Pharmacists can also call the appropriate OPH Regional Office and speak to the Regional Immunization Consultant with questions that will then be referred to the Regional Medical Director or Immunization Medical Director for complex issues.

Except as herein amended, the provisions of said *Emergency Order and Protocol* shall remain unaltered.

Signed in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on October 24, 2009.

  
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State Health Officer